

March 23rd

Dear Violet -

Your letter was and is always deeply appreciated. You see, Martha naturally can't rest until she's poured over it, and of course whenever John comes, he has to catch up on mail from home so all of us just soak up with what Big Sis has to say.

You make us feel guilty for receiving such a long letter, for we can just feel how short your 24 hours are. Then with Dad on your hands in his condition must really be trying.

Last nite or was it early this morn, I lay awake trying to visualize how much weight you had lost when you say you cannot wear your beige outfit because ^(gaiter) it hangs like a bag on you. Emergency or no emergency, for heaven's sake please, even if you must skip your Church on Sundays, watch your health! If the breadwinner of the house should crumble along with a sick father, the picture would certainly be tragic. Don't let Sunday hokey's bother your conscience. Our individual health and welfare means preserving our national strength too.

There I go — moralizing. Forgive me. But you see it's like this. You remember — my short illness after Christmas? Well ever since then, I'd been catching one cold after another. Well, this last one settled in my bronchial. I wasn't feeling any too well for about two weeks, so I took time off from my work and had a check-up at the clinic. The grief of the whole thing at the hospital is, that each time I go, I get a different doctor and have to trust his word. Well — this Dr. looked my record over and shook his head. A three months' cold means something is wrong. Either you're still fighting this 'valley fever' or else its developed complications. Better go home from today and "just take it easy for two weeks." That's a period of grace we're given with pay, so its the usual verdict. Its been a week at home. I get to disregard the noisey breakfast gongs and go right on snoring. Dear mama brings me my breakfast and I amble out of bed 'round 8:30 or 9:00. I feel fine in the mornings, but afternoons usually bring on a dull head-ache or just a generally dull — listless feeling. Its really a miserable ailment and to think I've been working all these months feeling this way. It is a relief to take things easy with a clear

conscience. And yet, we have no privacy here. Really it's about as bad as being laid up in bed in the middle of your living room at Casa Cidros - remember? and then have to receive guests in mid afternoon when you best feel like greeting - even a fly. That's why I'm giving Big Sis this advice 'cause I'm indisposed after a fashion, and you know how I love to play sick. Wouldn't some vitamin tablets help you thru? I'm taking my A B D E 3 times daily - Dr's advice you know. This old valley fever is terrible. One must be so patient with it. I've told you - its reactions on the human system is identical to T.B. except that it's a parasite that invades the blood stream thus undermining the resistance of the victim.

Well - I think for that matter. The whole blamed world is now in the "valley of the shadow of death struggles." Maybe it's effecting every living soul in the war zone as well as out. If each of us can't preserve our health - it means just an added burden to our tired society. Well - I thought I'd finished moralizing.

Martha wrote to Famous Dept. Store and received an affirmative reply, so she mailed the coat back. She is really pleased with her suit. I haven't gotten 'round to altering her skirt yet, but she's wearing the jacket already.

Miss Smith just wrote me yesterday of a domestic job opening in the home of a friend of hers. at Oak Park - suburbs of Chicago. My clearance has come, but I haven't even applied for any special job. There are WRA field office secretarial positions available, but because of my present health I've even let that ride. It seems that domestic jobs in spite of their small pay, is the most favored since room & board is taken care of whereas other higher paying jobs mean higher living expenses. Your suggestion of volunteering for Waves or Wacs is also being considered so I don't know. Shall I just ask Miss Smith to pass the offer to someone in Denson? Just drop me a card advising me on the above question. You see, I've met the sister of this person when I went to Karuzawa in Japan to meet Miss Smith some 14 yrs. ago. I have the assurance of their being a good Christian family, but then I can't talk into everything. Gads, I feel would be ideal for such a job don't you think?

I'm enclosing a check for \$20⁰⁰ with many thanks for lovely materials to work with for hot weather dresses.

I'm so glad for you that you have Mrs. Murray to help you with your garden. Good luck. With the rains, anything ought to grow for you.

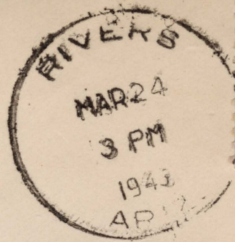
P.S.

Enclosing 100 bills for the buttons.
I should have read your letter carefully before making out the check.

With lots of love,

Amy

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